PLOEGSTEERT, STRATEGIC POSITION, CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES IN-THEIR ADVANCE ON FLANDERS FRONT

1,500 Prisoners Bagged, Mak- BOMB THROWER ing Total of 16,000 in Four Days.

HUNS HURLED BACK

In Counter Attack in Messines

Hill No. 63 Taken by Haig's JACKIES GUARD BUILDING Forces-Pressure of Allies Concentrating.

London, Sept. 5.—(8 a. m).—The allied troops that forced a crossing of the Canal du Nord, on the Picardy battlefront, are advancing all along the line to the east of that stream, ac-cording to information from the zone

French and American forces pounding the German positions between the Ailette and Aisne rivers, took 1,500

Affette and Alsne rivers, took 1,500 prisoners yesterday.

Fall of Ploegsteert.

London, Sept. 5.—(11:31 a. m.)—
Ploegsteert, on the Flanders front, has been captured by the British, the war office announced today.

In the past four days the British have captured 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns.

Hill No. 63, southwest of Messines, has been taken by the British.

In the Ploegsteert sector one hundred German prisoners and many machine guns were captured.

Between the Somme and the Oise rivers, the statement addr, the Ger-mans continued their movement out of the region of Roye. Rear guards left behind to retard the French followed

the Germans slowly.

"In Accordance With Plan."

The German war office says that the French with weak detachments have about reached the Voyennes-Guiscard-

Aprily line.

To the east of Soissons, the statement says "we withdrew our defense from the Vesle river in accordance with plan."

Strong enemy attacks south of the Ailette river near Terny-Sorny, Cla-mecy and Bucy-le-Long failed, accord-

meet and Bucy-ic-Long innet, according to the announcement.

Vienna Claims Success

Vienna via London, Sept. 5.—"In the Cerno region and to the east of Monte Pertica," says an official statement issued today by the Austrian war office, "the operations of our storming troops were completely successful."

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Germans Readjust Line
With the British Armies in France.
Sept. 5.—South of the river Scarpe a large partion of the German line is being readjusted.

Southeast of Moeuvres several thou-sand yards of the old Hindenburg front lines have been cleaned up and now are in possession of the British.

BUILD MANY BRIDGES TO FACILITATE WITHDRAWAL

Franco-American Forces From Plateau North Soissons Watch Germans Flee.

London, Sept. 5.—The important progress that the British continued to make yesterday on their front exceeded popular expectation in view of the arduous work that had been done by the advancing forces during the previous few days. And again today no surprise would be occasioned if physical reasons should compel some slackening of the high pressure, temporarily limiting the British advance.

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Attention consequently is all the more focussed on the Franco-American successes in the Noyon and Solasons regions which culminated with Wednesday's crossing of the Vesle on a wide front, and of the Alane at various points. After the engagements which are reported to have put out of action some of the best divisions of the German army and to have heaped the ground with German dead, the Franco-American troops held virtually the entire plateau north of Solssons, whence they are able to observe the enemy preparations for a retreat which apparently is to be to the Chemin-des-Dames. Numerous fires burning behind the Vesle heights indicated the destruction of supplies which could not be removed while for six miles along the Alane, it is stated, bridges have been built every 500 yards to facilitate the withdrawal of the hard pressed Germans forces.

The position of the enemy in this area

position of the enemy in this area increasingly critical.

UNDER ARREST

Authorities Admit Capture of Man but Decline to Divulge Name.

Ninety-Seven "Wobbles," Un-

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Minety-Seven "Wobbles," Under Sentence, Closely Guarded to Prevent Lynchings.

Chicago. Sept. 5.—In the score or more of persons rounded up last night in connection with the federal building bomb outrage Phillip J. Barry, acting head of the local bureau of the department of justice, said today that he has either the culprit or one who has information which will lead to his arrest. He is said to have very definite suspicions with regard to one of the men and to have obtained important information; from him. This at first led to a report that the man was actually under arrest and had confessed. The streets about the federal building were still patrolled this morning and it was only by the presentation of claborate credentials that any one could enter the building to transact business.

Apparently Mr. Barry had obtained a description of the bomb from some source, as he described it in detail as being eighteen inches long, conical in shape, plugged at both ends; four to saix inches in diameter, made of steel plate from one-sixteenth to three-eighths of an inch thick, and that prob-

German prisoners and many machine guns were captured.

The Germans attempted to hold up the British advance towards the Messines ridge, but all of their counter attacks were repulsed.

The fighting north of the Lys river on Wednesday was very bitter, the British concentrating strong pressure against the German positions in the center of the France-Belgian frontier.

The capture of Ploegsteert shows that the Germans are being driven from Messines ridge, which they occupied in their April drive.

Ploegsteert is only three miles north of Armentieres and is about eight miles south of Ypres. It is on the Warneton-Armentieres road. lives.

This information was made public here today by one of the federal authorities, to whom the frustration of the planned wholesale slaughter is leaven week are held pending the trip to Fort Leavenward.

Foreknowledge of the plot had caused the authorities to scatter hundreds of kept close watch over activities anoperatives among the marchers and to station them, together with 1,500 fed-eral soldiers from Fort Sheridan, around the federal building. Federal authorities are silent on evidence which they are uncovering.

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The German counter assaults in the Messines ridge sector centered about Wytschaete, which rests upon the contested strip of high ground.

The Germans were quickly hurled back when they tried to stem the British oarush.

On Lys Front.

On the Lys front the British hold the general line of Voormezele, Wulvergehm, Ploegateert, Nieppe, Lavented and Givenchy.

From Neuve Chapelle southward to Givenchy the British have reached the line they-held up to the German attack on April 2 last, while to the castward of Givenchy sections of the old German positions have been taken.

On the battle line in front of Cambral and improvement in the British position south of Meavers is reported. The positions be the east of Hermies, near the 'anal du Nord, just to the south also have been improved.

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GERMANS BEATEN BACK FOR 150 MILES



Shaded portion shows allied gains since Monday

OFF FOOTLOG

Accident Reveals Fact That Germans Had Retreated Back Toward Aisne.

MANY EMPTY DUG-OUTS

Found When Strong Patrol Armed With Machine Guns Presses Forward.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Vesle Front, Sept. 4.—(9 p. m.) —An American doughboy's falling into the Vesle river tipped off the Ameri-

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Instead of the splash drawing Ger-

The doughboy swam ashore and his comrades quickly infiltrated the northern bank.

They encountered no opposition whatsoever, finding only descried positions that had previously bristled with machine guns,

Machine Gun Patrol.

Machine Gun Patrol.

The word was quickly passed back and a strong combat patrol, armed with light machine guns, swarmed forward. They found innumerable empty dugouts and as they went on they met with occasional bursts of isolated machine gun fire from the plateau on which Paars, Perles and

Basileux-en-Fismettes rest.
The Americans continued their progress northward of the Solssons road and Magneux, but when day broke Krupp field guns opened up against the southern slope of the pla-

German airplanes swooped down ward, loosening machine gun fire and bombs against the American detach-

ments.

Airmon Reconnoiter.

American airmon who were sent out to reconnoiter, reported a thick smoke screen along the Alsne river, obscuring the territory. Despite this, American long range guns continue bombarding the German positions in that region, the artillerists firing by targets registered on maps.

The cannonade was followed by a heavy bombardment from French and American guns on the Juvigny platesu (north of the Aisne) which put down a violent enfilading fire.

In the meantime light American forces were pressing onward towards the plateau.

Ravines Drenched With Gas.
As they fell back the Germans sought to hinder the American advance by drenching the ravines leading to the plateau with gas. Americans came upon a number of German machine gunners who had been killed by their

Own gas.

What resistance there was did not compare in bitterness with that offered sistent if not vigorous, the onward drive north from Solssons on to the western end of the plateau made their position between the two rivers prac-tically untenable. The extent to which by the German rear guards when the retreat was made northward from the Marne.

keep up their fire until the Americans would were nearly upon them and would then fall back, instead of fighting at close quarters as they formerly did.

Innumerable German bodies. the Americans.

Patrols Ordered Out.

Orders reached the American commanders before daylight to send out patrols to investigate and their reports caused the immediate dispatch of supporting patrols. Before nightfall a large part of the army, which had been camping along the Vesle, was in action on the slopes north of the river. And there was action, notwithstanding that the Germans already had taken the initiative in their Innumerable German bodies were found the men having been killed by the many weeks of artillery fire that was rained against the German po-

The Germans had not even taken the trouble to bury their own corpses.

TWO KILLED, 45 HURT; THREE COACHES DITCHED

withstanding that the Germans already had taken the initiative in their withdrawal.

Once more the Germans have employed the tactics of a machine gundefense and the Americans have been facing their fire all day.

In the neighborhood of Bazoches the Americans were advancing along the highway north of the river, while a little to the east they were south of the river. Bazoches and Fismette have been disputed possessions since early Chickasha, Okla., Sept. 5.—Two men were killed and forty-five were re-ported injured when three coaches of southbound Rock Island train No. 11 left the rails and went into a ditch at 5:30 this morning, between Duncan and Comanche, Okla., south of this

Time and Half Will Be Paid Workers for All Overtime in Excess of That Limit.

Washington, Sept. 5.—President Wilson, by executive order, today suspended the eight-hour law as applying to government construction work in Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, New Orleans, San Francisco and Savannah. Early completion of the various projects is emergent, the order states. Time and one-half will be paid workers for all overtime in excess of eight hours a day.

PRESERVATION OF CROWS. tion dump fired by a direct hit from an allied battery, but the increasing number of smoke columns has given rise to the suggestion that the Ger-mans are burning such of their depot structures and supplies as it is inad-visable to remove.

PRESERVATION OF CROWN
AND DYNASTY IS AT STAKE
Amsterdam, Sept, 5.—In speaking to
the constitution committee of the Prussian upper house to fulfill the emperor's
pledge for reform of the franchise, Chancellor Yon Hertling said that in his honcellor You Hertling said that his honcellor Y



AGRICULTURAL EXPERT SAYS
WHEAT PRICE IS TOO LOW
Testifies That Prices Fixed Will Make
Farmers Lose Money.
Washington, Sept. 5.— E. H. Thompson
a department of sgriculture expert, appearing before the sende agriculture
committee this afternoon to testify on
the cost of wheat production, admitted
that under the prices fixed by the presithe to the sugar in
magnity ten-fold,
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The weather? Fair and cooler tought. Friday fair and continued cool.

Agaington for the same have withdrawn
all of their main forces north of the
Vesle river, except a screen of light
rear guards, was established by the
fact that American patrols encountered
hardly any machine gun posts.

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DOUGHBOY FALLS AMERICANS HOLD RIDGE DOMINATING RIVER AISNE; VESLE CROSSED AT NEW POINT BY FRENCH IN PURSUIT OF FOE

GERMANS PUSHED BACK BY ALLIES ON 188-MILE FRONT

Enemy Falling Back in Five Different Sectors and Destroy Their Depots as They Retreat.

London, Sept. 5 .- (11:07 a.m.) -The | The Germans are falling back in five Germans are falling back over a front of about 188 miles before the blows of the allied armies in France, according to a news agency dispatch from the battle front today.

The cermans are falling back in five different sectors of the battle front, destroying their depots as they retreat. The retirements are being carried out to a news agency dispatch from the battle front today.

TEN GERMAN AIRSHIPS ATTACK GROUP AMERICAN PURSUIT PLANES

Enemy Routed in Air Battle Near Pont-a-Mousson - Lieut. Van Winkle Todd is Missing.

And Possibly Old Positions on

Chemin-des-Dames-Move

Not Unexpected.

expected. The move was in fact looked for because it was inevitable. While the pressure from the south was in-

a brief fight one Fokker was brought down by Lieut. Stroso. An American machine went down behind the German lines apparently under control.

American airmen shot down an observation balloon in the Woevere this morning. Another was forced down yesterday afternoon.

With the American Army in Lorraine. Wednesday, Sept. 4.—American aviators in a battle with German airmen near Pont-a-Mousson today routed the enemy. One enemy machine is believed to have been driven down.

With the American Army in France, witnessed the fall.

BOCHES HEADING TODAY'S LINE-UP. FOR AISNE RIVER

Boston.
Hooper, rf.
Shean, 2b.
Strunk, cf.
Whitman, If.
McInnis, 1b.
Scott, 2s.
Thomas, 3b.
Aguew, c.

WORLD SERIES ON

damp, was in fair playing condition.

Rheims, the Germans appear to be heading straight for the Alsne and possibly for their old positions on the Chemin-des-Dames. It was not un-Comiskey Park, Sept. 5 .- Batteries:

Comiskey Park, Sept. 5.—Batteries:
Ruth and Agnew for Boston, vaugnn
and Killifer for Chicago.

First Inning, First Half.
Hooper aws cheered as he walked
to the plate. Vaughn's first pitch was
a strike. Hooper bumped the second
offering down the first base line and
was out Markle to Vaughn. Shean
took two strikes and then dropped a
Texas leaguer in right. Strunk forced
Shean, Deal to Pick, the Chicago sec-Shean, Deal to Pick, the Chicago sec-ond baseman losing a chance for a double play by a momentary fumble. Overcoming ond baseman losing a chance for a double play by a momentary fumble. Strunk tried to go down on a short passed ball and was thrown out, Killifer to Hollocher. No runs; one hit; no errors.

hand to hand.

Overcoming the resistance of the Germans foot by foot, Gen. Humbert's men today forged ahead repidly, the advance at 3 o'clock being from four to seven miles in depth. Guiscard fell into their hands this afternoon.

AMERICANS HAVE CROSSED VESLE

From North of River, Leaving Only Rear Guard.

FRENCH ALSO ADVANCE

Heavy Smoke Screen Hung Over Aisne District in Effort to Hide German Movements.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Vesle Front, Sept. 4.—(Midnight.)—The Americans have advanced nearly half way from the Vesle to the Aisne river since this afternoon. They are beyond Vauxcere, Blanzy and

(At the point where the Americans made their progress the Aisne and Vesle rivers are nearly five miles apart.)
At Cuiscard the allies came upon an

emplacement of a great German gun. (The cablegram referred to the German gun as a "big Bertha" indicating that it was one of the 42-centi-

North Noyon French, in Touch With Rear Guards, Take Guiscard.

SOMME CANAL CROSSED

Three Towns Taken Between Ailette and Aisne.

Poilus Go Beyond Hornbleux, Esmery-Hallon and Flavyle-Meldeux, Near Nesle.

Paris, Sept. 5.—Franco-American forces pursuing the Germans north of the Vesle have reached the line of the Aisne, according to advices from the front this morning.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Sept. 4.—Lieut. Van Wednesday, Sept. 4.—Ten German airships attacked a group of American pursuit planes this morning and after a brief fight one Fokker was brought down by Lieut. Stroso. An American machine went down behind the German lines apparently under control.

American airmen shot American arms in the enemy lines Aug. 12.

Wednesday, Sept. 4.—Lieut. Van French northeast of Noyon continued during the night, today's war office announcement shows. The French troops to the enemy lines Aug. 12.

Voncouver, C. C., Sept. 5.—V. A. Bishop, royal flying corps "ace," while Advancing north of the Vesle, French and American troops reached and held the crest of the Cretes ridge, dominat-

the crest of the Cretes ridge, dominating the River Aisne.

Gain on Two and Half-Mile Line.

In the Nesle region on the Somme front the French crossed the Canal de la Somme, near Voyennes and Offoy. Just to the south they have reached the region beyond Hombleux Esmery-Hallon and Flavy-le-Meldeux.

Between the Allette and the Aisne, the towns of Clamecy, Braye and Missy-sur-Aisne have been captured.

The operation on the Vesle has been extended to the cast and a crossing has been effected between Venteaux and Jonchery, a two and a half-mile front, and at other new points.

To Border of Bertincourt.

Paris, Sept. 5.—(Noon.)—Further progress over a wide front and the repulse of two violent counter attacks were reported.

were reported.
East of the Canal du Nord the French
maintained their contact with the
Germans, pushing onward.

French forces have passed Hom-bleux, Esmery, Hallen and Flavy-le-Meldeux, carrying their lines to the north of Guiscard and to the border of

DEPOT STORES IN FLAMES

Some Result Hits From Allied
Batteries—Others by Enemy's Own Guns.

With the American Army on the Vesle, Wednesday, Sept. 4.—Americans with the French moving with them on the left have advanced from the Vesle to the edge of the plateau along a line from Brentelle, Vaux Cere, Blanzy and Baslieux. The Germans nearest this line along which they might make a rear guard defense of any consequence are opposite the edge of the plateau paralleling the Aisme over which it is obvious they have removed their stores and heavy artillery. The advance of the Americans in force began at 4 o'clock this morning and partols, one after a month on the Vesle, during which they have been going over all day and meeting sharp resistance at some points.

After a month on the Vesle, during which they have been going over all day and moeting sharp resistance at some points.

After a month on the Vesle, during which they have been subjected to a gentle pressure night and day by the tightly drawn line from Soismons to Reims, the Germans appear to be been dine straight for the Aisme and ask inght, the outfield particularly been grained for the Aisme and to the border of Bertincourt.

AT 1:25 the stands of German counter attacks were delivered in the sectors of Mont-dess-Combes and east of Leuilly (north of the Aisme, and east of Leuilly (north of Noyon, was captured by the French this afternoon four the streaming.

Comiskey Park, Chicaso, Bept. 5.—
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Fighting Hand-to-Hand.
The maneuver which forced the retirement of the enemy over the front
of Mont St. Simeon and the Canal du
Nord began Tuesday morning with an attack upon a strong position fortified and protected by wire entanglements and machine gun nests.

After artillery preparation of four

hours the infantry went forward only to find the, many centers of realstance had survived the shelling and the hardest kind of fighting ensued, often

The first army in the meantime, took Libermont, Frenisches and Fretoyle-Chateau, southwest of Ham, Gen. Mangin's men also made further cains north of the Ailette, crossed

CROSSED VESLE

ther gains north of the Allette, crossed the Vesle at several points and forced a passage of the Aisne between Venizel and Missy.

Many prisoners were taken, besides three and four-inch cannon and a fire quantity of material. Jussy, La Fere and other towns behind the Ger-

man lines are reported in flames to-night. and French forces have reached the

Alane river at several points, it was learned by the International News Service this afternoon. The Germans are now nearly back to the line they occupied north of the Alane river before they began their drive to the Marne on May 27.

The advance by the Franco-American forces from the Vesle river to the

Alsne is a distance of about five miles.
All of this progress has been made

since yesterday.

The German retreat northwards toward the Aisne has shortened the battle line, but leaves in a precarious position the German east fank where the new front joins up with the old line in the Rheims region.

DEVELOPMENTS ON WESTERN FRONT
The following were the overnight developments on the western battle front:

1. American and French forces cross the Vesle river on a wide front, then finding that the Germans had fallen back towards the Aisne. The allied forces advanced half way to the Aisne from the Vesle.

2. Allied forces on the Picardy front make general advance in the direction of Cambrial to the east of the Canal du Nord.

German counter attacks north of the Cambral-Bapaume road are smashed.
 Definitely established that

Lens has been evacuated by the Germans, but the town is so full of gas that it has not been fully occupied by the British as